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# H. R. 3201

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Carter G. Woodson  
5       Home National Historic Site Study Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Dr. Carter G. Woodson, cognizant of the  
2       widespread ignorance and scanty information con-  
3       cerning the history of African Americans, founded  
4       on September 9, 1915, the Association for the Study  
5       of Negro Life and History, since renamed the Asso-  
6       ciation for the Study of African-American Life and  
7       History.

8           (2) The Association was founded in particular  
9       to counter racist propaganda alleging black inferi-  
10      ority and the pervasive influence of Jim Crow preva-  
11      lent at the time.

12          (3) The mission of the Association was and con-  
13      tinues to be educating the American public of the  
14      contributions of Black Americans in the formation of  
15      the Nation's history and culture.

16          (4) Dr. Woodson dedicated nearly his entire  
17      adult life to every aspect of the Association's oper-  
18      ations in furtherance of its mission.

19          (5) Among the notable accomplishments of the  
20      Association under Dr. Woodson's leadership, Negro  
21      History Week was instituted in 1926 to be cele-  
22      brated annually during the second week of February.  
23      Negro History Week has since evolved into Black  
24      History Month.

1           (6) The headquarters and center of operations  
2           of the Association was Dr. Woodson’s residence, lo-  
3           cated at 1538 Ninth Street, Northwest, Washington,  
4           D.C.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6           For purposes of this Act, the term “Secretary”  
7           means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the  
8           Director of the National Park Service.

9 **SEC. 4. STUDY.**

10          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
11          the date on which funds are made available for such pur-  
12          pose, the Secretary, after consultation with the Mayor of  
13          the District of Columbia, shall submit to the Committee  
14          on Resources of the United States House of Representa-  
15          tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
16          sources of the United States Senate a resource study of  
17          the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Home and headquarters of  
18          the Association for the Study of African-American Life  
19          and History, located at 1538 Ninth Street, Northwest,  
20          Washington, D.C.

21          (b) CONTENTS.—The study under subsection (a)  
22          shall—

23                (1) identify suitability and feasibility of desig-  
24                nating the Carter G. Woodson Home as a unit of  
25                the National Park System; and

1           (2) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-  
2           quisition, development, operation and maintenance,  
3           and identification of alternatives for the manage-  
4           ment, administration, and protection of the Carter  
5           G. Woodson Home.

6 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7           There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
8           as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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